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News worth sharing.

Liquor laws set vto loosen: AG

• Beer tents at festivals and other events will be less strict in time for the summer, says Attorney General Chris Bentley

Andrew Verwer tries his hand at juggling beanbags, one of many activities with roots stretching back into the 19th century that was featured during Victoria Day celebrations at Fanshawe Pioneer

Taking May 2-4 back to its roots

Fanshawe Pioneer Village played host to birthday celebrations for Britain's longest reigning monarch for the sixth year in a row. Story, page 2.

There's "overwhelming" public support for Ontario to relax its liquor laws, said Attorney General Chris Bentley.

Adults will soon have more freedom to wander around at festivals with a drink in hand under new provincial regulations, he added.

"The overwhelming majority were for more flexibility," Bentley said.

Festival-goers would still have to consume their drinks within a "defined area," but they'd be able to wander around and do some shopping at retail stalls, Bentley said.

The proposal also includes extending liquor hours for weddings and charity events to 2 a.m.

Some want the government to go a step further and take a second look at restrictions for boat cruises and patios, he said.

Tour operators are allowed to serve booze about half an hour before a boat leaves the pier, but if bad weather delays its departure, all the drinks have to be taken away,



he said.

"If the leaving was delayed let's say by 15 minutes or so everyone had to take their drinks away, like right on the minute, and then start again when the cruise got underway," Bentley said.

Similar questions were raised about patios that are separated from a licensed establishment by a sidewalk. It's unclear whether servers or customers are allowed to move alcohol from one area to the other under the current rules. he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A diversion?

The move comes a few months before the Oct. 6 election.

- The premier mocked rival PC Leader Tim Hudak for publicly musing about the days when beer could be bought for a dollar in Ontario.
- Dalton McGuinty dismissed it as "a bright, shiny object" designed to distract voters from important issues like jobs and the economy.
- Seems McGuinty couldn't resist dangling a "bright, shiny object" himself, said NDP Leader Andrea Horwath.
- "It's a way of diverting attention to something other than their massive failure on the jobs file, on the affordability of everyday life, on the fact that folks are still very angry about the harmonized sales tax and the impacts it's having on their pocketbook," she said.



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Celebrating the day Victoria's way

• Activities at historic pioneer village included games, visit from the Queen, evening fireworks display • Baseball game played by 1863 rules





In days of yore, the community gathered to celebrate Queen Victoria's birthday with a celebration, complete with a baseball game.

And what better place to resurrect that tradition than Fanshawe Pioneer Village?

That's exactly what happened yesterday, as the village played host to birthday celebrations for Britain's longest reigning monarch for the sixth year.

The day featured oldfashioned games and activities, as well as a baseball game played between the London Tecumsehs and "Every small community celebrated Queen Victoria's birthday and they always celebrated it with pageantry and a baseball game. We wanted to recreate that original celebration."

SHEILA JOHNSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FANSHAWE PIONEER VILLAGE

Woodstock Actives oldtime baseball squads using 1863 baseball rules. And there was a visit from the Queen and Prince Albert themselves — local NDP MP Irene Mathyssen and husband Keith played the roles.

The day drew hundreds of people to the village, many of whom stopped by to check out the game played in Tecumseh field — essentially a hay field located on the edge of the vil-

lage.

Among those spectators were Tyler Kerkhof and Leanne Langille.

"We just came out to be a part of the atmosphere and celebrations here. And we heard about the game. I played baseball for a couple of years when I was younger and I'm a history major so it's interesting," said Kerkhof, noting he's studying history at King's College over the summer.

Langille added, "I'm not

1863 ball play

- The ball had to be caught with your hand, as using gloves or hats was banned.
- Runners could be thrown out, or dead as it was called back then, at second and third.
- Batters were out if the ball was caught on the first bounce.
- Baseball was a "gentleman's game," meaning swearing, spitting, drinking and chewing tobacco were forbidden.

a history major, and I don't know a lot about it, but we thought we'd make a day of it, and we're here to learn."

fering from a dated injury.

years old, about five foot

nine and 130 pounds with

brown eves and brown hair.

He is described as 20

The Rock tops four-on-four tourney

There's a new champion when it comes to street hockey in London. Local squad the Rock took home top prize in the elite division during last weekend's Hockey Night in Canada Play On four-onfour street hockey tournament. Defending champs Skank Budda were knocked out by the Red Team in the quarter-finals — the Red Team in turn lost to the Rock in semifinal action. The winner of the elite division earns the right to compete in the national championship street hockey tournament, date to be announced later. For a complete list of winners, check out playon.ca/events/ london. METRO

Knights' draft pick killed

Ian Jenkins, a 15-year-old goaltender draft pick of the London Knights, died in a Michigan hospital yesterday morning.

Jenkins was involved in an accident last Thursday night just southeast of Ann Arbour involving a pickup truck being driven by a 16-year-old friend. Police say neither speed nor alcohol were factors. Jenkins was taken off of life support on Friday after suffering a major head injury.

Jenkins was the Knights' second-round pick (29th overall) in this year's OHL entry draft. He was considered by most scouts to be the best goaltender in the draft and was expected to back up London's Michael Houser this season.

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Thief rips off mall kiosk

Police are investigating a robbery at the Virgin Mobile kiosk in Masonville Mall on Sunday.

A lone man approached staff and showed them a handgun in his waistband. He then fled with an undisclosed amount of merchandise.

The suspect is described as a black male, 30 to 35 years old, five foot five and 150 pounds. He has short black hair and some facial hair.

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Have you seen this missing man?

How to help

Anyone with information is asked to call police at 519-661-5670.



Police are asking people to keep an eye out for a missing person, Joseph Legare.

Yesterday, police were called to the area of Trafalgar Street at Hale Street in regards to Legare.

Medical concerns exist for Legare, as he may be suf-

eet in Legare was wearing a white T-shirt, white hoodie, and exist boxer shorts with blue and white stripes. • METRO

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URBAN COMPASS

JILL ELLIS

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Flipping through the show catalogue from last year's national event, one

sees bright swaths of colour in abstract works, pensive stares glaring back from portraits and peaceful landscapes lent a sense of quietude.

But these works of art aren't created with paint on canvas. These artists paint with fabric and thread, creating abstracts, portraits and landscapes, alongside more traditional pieces such as the log cabin, double wedding rings and flying geese patterns of yesteryear.

The Canadian Quilters Association is holding its national juried show at Western tomorrow to Saturday, hosted co-operatively by area guilds: London Friendship Quilters, Thames Valley Quilters, Oxford Quilters and the Huron Perth Quilters.

One of the local quilters chosen to compete in this year's show is Beth Michailidis. She's been quilting for 20 years. How does a modern working woman manage to practise this ancient art?

The 50-year-old mother of three works part-time and finds time to practise her hobby early in the morning. "I'm an early riser and the quilting gets done early in the morning before the rest of the household wakes up."

Though handicrafts often take a backseat in this technical age, the Canadian Quilters Association has 3,000 members, representing 300 guilds, with members in every province.

The national juried

show is held in a different location every other year. This is the 30th anniversary of the show, and the first time it's been held in London, which is the main reason that Michailidis decided to go for it.

The marketplace at the show will offer fabric, thread, patterns and sewing machines; there will also be educational workshops and seminars.

Michailidis entered two categories, representational — which are more like paintings — and one that's more traditional, taken from a pattern.

The representational piece is a portrait of her mother. Created over a couple of months, Michailidis is afraid to guess just how many hours she's invested in it. "That would be too dangerous," she chuckles. "It's better not to know how long it will take, then you'd never start."

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Forest City salutes Motor City

The John Labatt Centre is working with the City of London to salute Detroit this week.

Many activities are planned as the JLC features performances by Detroit rockers Bob Seger tonight and Kid Rock on Saturday.

Talbot Street will be renamed Pure Michigan Avenue for the week and a free Motown block party will occur downtown on Saturday at noon.

And Global Spectrum Facility Management, operators of the JLC, will make another Motor Cityrelated announcement this morning at 7 a.m.

The Motown block par-



ty will feature live Motown music from Groove Marmalade as well as other entertainers. North American Classic and vintage cars will be parked **Bob Seger, Kid Rock**

 Tickets for Bob Seger and Kid Rock are available online at johnlabattcentre.com and

by phone at 1-866-455-2849.

along Talbot Street (Pure Michigan Avenue) aside several of London's dealerships profiling some of the new automobiles made in the Detroit area.

Downtown businesses and restaurants are being encouraged to play the sounds of Motown and other Detroit-area artists all week.

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Quake closes local Toyota plants for 1 week

Two Toyota plants in southern Ontario are putting production on hold for the week.

The automaker's Cambridge and Woodstock plants are taking a break due to a parts shortage caused by the earthquake that hit Japan in March.

The company says there will be no layoffs during

the shutdown.

Workers will instead spend the week in training.

The plants employ about 6,500 people.
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U.S. twister toll may rise

◆ Threat of more severe weather for Midwest ◆ Search-and-rescue efforts hindered by thunderstorm

Rescue crews in Joplin, Mo., dug through piles of splintered houses and crushed cars yesterday in a search for victims of a tornado that blasted much of the Midwestern town off the map and slammed straight into its hospital.

At least 116 people died, making it America's deadliest single tornado in nearly 60 years and the second major tornado disaster in a month. An unknown number of people were hurt.

Authorities feared the toll could rise as the full scope of the destruction comes into view: House after house reduced to slabs, cars crushed like soda cans, shaken residents

Powerful storm

- Tornado was given an initial rating of EF4, the second-highest for twisters.
- It moved up to 318 km/h and was 1,200 metres wide at times.

roaming streets in search of missing family members. And the danger was by no means over. Fires from gas leaks burned across town, and more violent weather loomed, including the threat of hail, high winds and even more tornadoes.

The twister was one of 68 reported in the Midwest last weekend.

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Slave Lake residents tour ash and rubble

Residents of Slave Lake, Alta., knew there would be shock and tears when they boarded buses yesterday to briefly return to their fireravaged town. But it was the optimism they felt by the end of the trip that caught them by surprise.

"It made me feel much better," said Brenda Derkoch after stepping off the bus that returned to the evacuation centre in Athabasca. "My house is gone, all my neighbours' houses are gone, but we have all our schools. We have the hospital. We have so many people out there working so hard for us."

Still, seeing the smoldering, levelled wasteland

► A tarantula, among many other pets, has taken up residence at the Edmonton Humane Society until its owners, who have had to relocate from Slave Lake, Alta., are able to care for it.

the fire left behind was tough for some.

One week after a wildfire blazed through the town, reducing a third of its buildings to ash and rubble, some 250 returned to the area for a first-hand look at the charred remains. Another 250 will bus there today.

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50 pets found in wreckage

The animal rescue mission continued in fireravaged Slave Lake, Alta., this weekend, with the Edmonton Humane Society recovering 50 more pets from the wreckage.

"Remarkably, we haven't found an animal that required serious medical care," said EHS spokesperson Shawna Randolph.

Seventy animals that were being housed at the Edmonton Expo Centre 270

Over the past week, more than 270 animals have been rescued by the EHS team.

were moved to the EHS shelter as well.

CHRIS SAVAGE

News in brief



Obama toasts Irish roots

U.S. President Barack Obama visited the Irish town of Moneygall yesterday where his great-great-great grandfather lived before moving to the United States in 1850. Obama's Irish roots were discovered during the 2008 presidential campaign.

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EU urges Mideast talks

The EU will push other world powers this week

for a resumption of Mideast talks since U.S. President Barack Obama called for a peace treaty between Israel and the Palestinians based on the 1967 borders. A joint statement from EU ministers says that it is a "matter of urgency."

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Book tells all about Palin



A former member of Sarah Palin's inner circle,

Frank Bailey, has written a scathing tell-all of the former vice-presidential candidate. Blind Allegiance to Sarah Palin: A Memoir of Our Tumultuous Years is based upon emails kept during Bailey's time with Palin. The Alaska attorney general's office is investigating the use of the emails.

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Why no doomsday?

Camping claims absence of doomsday is a simple miscalculation
 Followers search Scriptures to find out why the Rapture didn't occur

California preacher Howard Camping says his prophecy that the world would end was off by five months because Judgment Day actually will come on Oct. 21.

The independent Christian radio host said yesterday the apocalypse will come five months after May 21, the original date he predicted.

Camping says he felt so terrible when his doomsday prediction did not come true on Saturday that he left home and took refuge in a motel with his wife.

Camping, an 89-yearold retired civil engineer, appeared publically for the first time last night.

Rather than give his normal daily broadcast,



Camping made a special statement before the press at the Oakland headquarters of the media empire that has broadcast his message.

His show, "Open Forum," had forecast that some 200-million people would be saved, and

warned that those left behind would die in earthquakes, plagues and other scourges until the globe was consumed by a fireball.

His other apocalyptic prediction in 1994 also was a bust, but he said it didn't happen because of a mathematical error.

Family Radio spent millions — some of it from donations — on more than 5,000 billboards and 20 recreational vehicles plastered with the doomsday message.

In 2009, the non-profit reported it received \$18.3 million in donations, and had assets of more than \$104 million, including \$34 million in publicly traded stocks.

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Toyota gets networking

○ Car company hopes social networking plan will inspire customers to give feedback about how cars are working ○ Is investing \$5.5 million

Toyota is setting up a social networking service with the help of a U.S. Internet company and Microsoft so drivers can interact with their cars in a way that's similar to posting on Facebook or Twitter.

Japanese automaker Toyota Motor Corp. and Salesforce.com announced their alliance yesterday to launch Toyota Friend, a private social network for Toyota owners.

In a demonstration at a Tokyo showroom, an owner of a plug-in Prius hybrid found out through a cellphone message from his Prius that he should recharge his car overnight.

When the owner plugged in his car to recharge it, the car replied, "The charge will be completed by 2:15 a.m. Is that OK? See you tomorrow."

Since many next-generation cars need to be recharged, drivers may need real-time information, such as the battery level of their cars and locations of charging stations, more than regular gas-engine cars.

The exchanges can be kept private or be shared

"I hope cars can become friends with their users, and customers will see Toyota as a friend."

PRESIDENT AKIO TOYODA

with other Toyota Friend users, as well as made public on Facebook, Twitter and other services.

If your car is up for an inspection, for example, the owner will be notified through Toyota Friend, which will in turn automatically link to a dealer

to set up an appointment.

The companies did not give details of how the technology, such as the content of the talking car's dialogues, will be managed. But officials said the answers will be automated through sensors in the car.

Many cars are already equipped with network capabilities that can function as a mobile device. Toyota's service will start in Japan in 2012, and will be offered later worldwide, initially with electric vehicles and plug-in hybrids, according to Toyota.

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News in brief

Toyota needs to listen: Panel

SERVICE An independent panel set up to review Toyota Motor Corp.'s safety and quality issues says the company doesn't do a good job of incorporating customer feedback into its car designs.

The panel says
Toyota should appoint
executives who are responsible for safety and
should give more power to regional
executives outside
Japan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shares drop for Ryanair

AIRLINE. Ryanair shares are falling after the leading budget airline announced it would ground 80 aircrafts this winter and reduce passenger traffic for the first time in its history.

The Dublin-based airline said weak winter demand meant it would cost less to ground the jets — more than a quarter of its fleet — than to operate them at a loss from October to March. The airline carries four per cent fewer passengers than in the previous winter.

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Syrian leader faces power freeze

More than 900 people have reportedly been killed since the government's crackdown on protesters. The 27-nation EU instituted an assets freeze and visa ban on Syrian President Bashar Assad and nine other members of his regime.

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Greece's borrowing rates hit new record

Greece's borrowing costs surged to another record yesterday, as the crisis-hit country's prime minister chaired emergency talks to deepen austerity measures beyond his own government's term in office.

A cabinet meeting began as yields rose above 17 per cent for Greek 10-year-bonds, hitting a new record margin — or spread — over the benchmark German rate

Greece suffered another bond downgrade late Friday from the Fitch ratings agency, lowering its investment ranking by three notches deeper into junk status. Prime Minister George Papandreou conceded over the weekend that plans to return to bond markets next year may not be achievable.

The European Union wants cross-party support in Greece for a new 2011-2015 austerity program. Papandreou is to meet opposition leaders today in

\$32.8B The EU wants cross-party support in Greece for a new austerity program, worth at least \$32.8 billion.

an effort to seek consensus.

His government is also finalizing additional austerity measures for 2011 worth \$8.5 billion, or double the original amount planned, to correct this year's disappointing fiscal performance — in fresh cuts expected to sweep away tax exemptions and possibly slap additional taxes on wealthy home own-

The government is also to consider layoffs in the traditionally well-protected civil service, which could spark protests.

The economy is being kept afloat by \$156.6 billion in a 2010-2013 package of rescue loans from European countries and the International Monetary Fund. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED ...

SHF SAYS ...

IESSICA NAPIER METRO

Before you go any further I should warn you, this is not an inspiring column about chasing your dreams and doing what you love. This is about expectations manage-

ment and some realistic advice on how to

get a job (any job).

Every May, a fresh crop of university graduates emerges from the cosy bubble of undergraduate life, ready to face the rejection-letter reality of the working world. Don't worry, we've all been there.

'What have I done with my life ... why did I ever get an arts degree?"

But don't fret new grads, you won't be broke forever. Eventually, you will get over your quarter-life crisis, get off the couch and you will find a job. It might not be right away, but employment will happen, just as long as you don't do any of the following:

Be lazy: Spelling and grammatical errors on your re-

"Asking an employer to postpone your start date until after your birthday, indicating that you will need to bring your German shepherd into the office every Friday ..."

sumé are inexcusable; as are limp-wristed handshakes. Never underestimate how far a firm grasp and a properly placed

semicolon will take you.

Make demands: Asking an employer to postpone your start date until after your birthday, indicating that you will need to bring your German shepherd into the office every Friday or any other outlandish requests will not be tolerated in today's cutthroat job market.

Be obnoxious: A hard and fast way to never get hired is to indirectly insult the person doing the

hiring. A friend of mine, a manager at a retail store, recently interviewed a new grad for a sales position. This is what transpired:

Question: "Where do you see yourself in five years?" Answer: "Well, I'll be 26 by then (gasp — the horror!) so I'll probably have my life figured out — you know, have a real job.

My friend was unimpressed. And by the way, I don't know any 26-year-olds who have their lives "all figured out." In fact, most of the people I know younger than 40 are still trying to get it together. **Be a social media saboteur:** Avoid tweeting excessive-

ly about failed interviews, bad-mouthing former employers or any other spiteful online commentary that would make you a human resources nightmare.

Feel entitled: Just because this isn't your dream job doesn't mean you are too good for it. If you are a desperate 20-something living in your parents' basement looking to pay off some student loans, then be prepared to

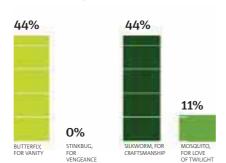
And if all of your hard efforts don't pay off, just remember, there's always grad school.

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If you had to be one of these four bugs, which would you be?



Local tweets



@Caro Donnelly: Register for this

complimentary selfesteem workshop in #ldnont http://tiny.cc/ff508 @KaitAtGazette: Heading back to #ldnont today! So much back and forth travel these days. Makes me wish I had a car ... and knew how to drive #a1driver

@GamerPops: Like games? Like wings? Live in #ldnont? Come out to Hello My Game Is! http://bit.ly/jQaAAP Please RT and bring

friends

▶ @orpheumhs: Busy day moving sites over for one of our clients. What're you up to on this holiday Monday #LDNont?

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@kaitlynlee08: On a train back home. Had an UNRE-AL time at #ShineCon, meeting amazing people and learning so much. Be prepared #uwo for the best SHINERAMA

@nicholasmizera: At least two of our most integral support systems are running today: the LTC (on a Sunday schedule) and Timmy's. #ldnont

Worth mentioning

CAIRO, Egypt. A Saudi woman was arrested for a second time for driving her car in what women's activists said yesterday was a move by the rulers of the ultraconservative kingdom to suppress an Internet campaign encouraging women to defy a ban on female driving.

Manal al-Sherif and a group of other women started a Facebook page called "Teach me how to drive so I can protect myself," urging authorities to lift the ban, and posted a video clip last week of al-Sherif behind the wheel in the eastern city of Khobar.

The page was removed after more than 12,000 people indicated their support for its call for women drivers to take to the streets June 17 in a mass drive.

Al-Sherif, a 32-yearold IT expert, was arrested at dawn yesterday and accused of "violating public order," according to a security official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media. She was ordered held for five days while the case was investigated. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cartoon by Michael de Adder



No problem catching this tiger by the tail

Police scrambled helicopters and ordered tranquilizers to hunt what they feared was an escaped wild animal in southern England — but found the tiger was just a toy.

Hampshire police say they responded after several residents called in to say they had seen a white tiger in a field near a golf course in Hedge End, near the English coastal city of Southampton.



A tongue-in-cheek recorded message posted to the force's media line said that after "a brief stalk through the Hedge End savannah ... it became obvious that the tiger was a stuffed, life-sized toy."

A second message posted yesterday emphasized police had a duty to take such sightings seriously. As for the renegade tiger? "It's being treated as lost property." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Box office

The reengineered Pirates of the Caribbean sequel On Stranger Tides found its smoothest sailing overseas, where it took in a record \$256.3 million at the international box office, according to studio estimates yesterday.



After marriage to ex-Beatle
N.Y. transit board member
Nancy Shevell will be Lady
McCartney



The wolf pack is back

• Bradley Cooper, Zach Galifianakis and Ed Helms return, this time in Bangkok. With a monkey.



After the life-threatening escapades of the first Hangover film, you'd think the "wolf pack" — played by Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms and Zach Galifianakis — would learn to take it easy when celebrating before a wedding.

But The Hangover Part II finds the three in a familiar predicament — though in a very unfamiliar location.

In Thailand for Helms' character's wedding (at a plush island resort), the three wake up in a rundown Bangkok hotel room with no memory of the night before — and once again missing a member of their party. But the exotic location isn't the only thing different about the sequel.

"This movie is more about the dynamic of the three guys, and you really get to know them," Cooper says. "For me, watching the first one, it could almost be boiled down to one joke. The whole movie's a setup and the punch line is the credits. When you get to the end of this movie, I'm excited to see the credits, but that's not what I've been thinking about the whole movie."

Revisiting the characters meant getting to show different sides of them, something Galifianakis was thrilled about.

"I think we all wanted to see us turning against each other a bit, which was fun to watch. It kind of calls for it," he says. "I think that was something kind of new that we explored."

Of course, what was most exciting for the costars was heading to the other side of the world to film. "I just fell in love with Bangkok. We spent two weeks in a resort town, and I couldn't wait to get back to Bangkok," Cooper says.

While the guys don't wake up with a tiger in their bathroom like in the first film, the animal kingdom is well represented by Crystal. a monkey in a den-

im Rolling Stones vest with a nasty smoking habit. "Crystal turned out to be kind of this miracle monkey. She's incredible, she can do anything," Cooper says.

"The only downside to Crystal is she has very long claws, and you don't want to get Crystal around an elephant," he warns. "There was one scene where we were walking down the street and there was an elephant, and she kind of destroyed my shoulder."



DVD Releases this week

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Gnomes work their charm

Gnomeo & Juliet

Genre: Comedy/Adventure
Director: Kelly Asbury
Stars: James McAvoy, Emily
Blunt and Maggie Smith

What do you get when you start with the world's most famous play, update it with a baseball team's worth of writers taking inspiration from Shrek and Toy Story, spice the resulting masala with music by Elton John (classics and new tunes) and Lady Gaga, add a laundry list of well-known voice actors — including Hulk Hogan, Maggie Smith, Patrick Smith and Dolly Parton — then have the whole concoction processed at the Disney animation factory?

You get Gnomeo and Juliet, that's what. The garden gnome version of Shakespeare's romantic tragedy that somehow works better than it has



any right to.

The painted ceramic version of the off-told story is set in motion when spunky Juliet (Emily Blunt), wearing a crimson cap, meets and falls in love with Gnomeo (James McAvoy), a blue-hatted garden ornament. The two live in adjacent houses in a brightly rendered English suburb.

But the route to love is not to be a smooth walk down the garden path for these two. The obstacle? When the lawn-lost lovers meet they are both wearing disguises, so are unaware their romance is forbidden. They don't realize they belong to feuding families whose antipathy extends to their respective garden gnomes. (In this family feud, old clan scores are fought with lawn-mower drag races instead of deadly sword duels.)

While this G-rated Disney offering is unlikely to be remembered as the apotheosis of the animation art form, at a blessed 84 minutes, Gnomeo & Juliet gets the job done right for the short set. • Peter Howell

I Am Number Four Genre: Sci-Fi/Thriller Director: D.J. Caruso Stars: Alex Pettyfer, Timothy

Stars: Alex Pettyfer, Timothy Olyphant and Dianna Agron

In I Am Number Four, John Smith (the very pretty Alex Petyffer, a former model) is the new kid on the block in a small Ohio town called Paradise, where he lives with his guardian, Henri (Timothy Olyphant).

John may have the most common name in America, but he's no common guy. He's actually Number Four, and he's not from this planet at all.

John's a stranger in a strange land; he's one of nine alien fugitives from the destroyed planet of Lorien who have made their way to Earth. Another race of aliens, the evil and vaguely fishy Mogadorians, are hunting the Loric survivors, who must be exterminated in



numerical order.

Loric survivors One, Two and Three are already dead; John, Number Four, is next on the Mogadorians' list.

As anyone aged from 12 to 20 on planet Earth — and their beleaguered parents — will tell you, it ain't easy being a teen. Imagine how hard it is to be an angsty alien teen, who's developing superpowers as he morphs from Loric child to adult.

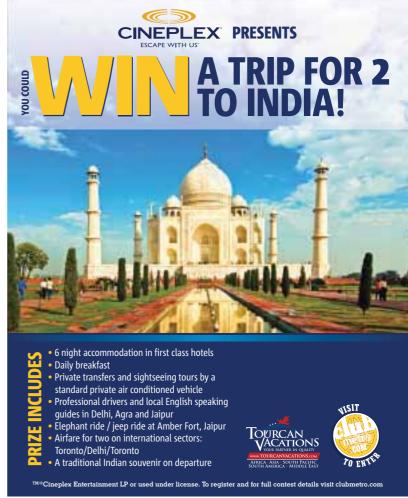
But a first love with Sarah (Dianna Agron, who plays cheerleader Quinn on TV's Glee) helps John with his life on Earth. And Agron, along with Australian actress Teresa Palmer, who plays Number Six, keep the pretty quotient going.

I Am Number Four, with its attractive young people, ugly CGI monsters, giant explosions and superhuman alien stunts, may have enough going for it to get its target teens to fire up the DVD player and sit down for a bit.

But when they realize they're being pandered to with a limpid script, they might just get up to make some popcorn and forget to wander back.

• PETER HOWELL





Cole told to break up with Dancing boyfriend

Before breaking into U.S.
television, X Factor judge
Cheryl Cole is reportedly receiving some very
personal demands
from her bosses.
Fox executives
want Cole to ditch
her boyfriend of
one year, Dancing
with the Stars hoofer
Derek Hough, according to the Mirror.
"Show producers have
told her that being single

"Show producers have told her that being single would do wonders for her image. And there would be no shortage of guys in L.A. lining up to go on a date with Cheryl," a source says.

"Derek may be dreaming of worldwide stardom, but he's seen as a small-time dancer on a TV show ... and pretty uncool. TV executives are thinking that if she's going to win over Hollywood, she'd be better off doing it as a sassy and single girlabout-town."

Shriver could be in for a big payout

Ocuple have not filed for divorce yet

If Maria Shriver decides to divorce Arnold Schwarzenegger after revelations of his fathering a child with a former household employee triggered the couple's separation, it could prove to be one of the costliest settlements in recent history, trumping even Tiger Wood's \$110 million payout, according

to Page Six.

Given the former California governor's estimated worth, Shriver could walk away with more than \$200 million, despite a prenup sources believe the couple signed.

Neither Shriver nor Schwarzenegger have filed for divorce yet.

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New job for Britney's man

Jason Trawick is through with Britney Spears — professionally, at least.

Her former agent and current boyfriend is reportedly leaving William Morris Endeavor to oversee an arts and en-

see an arts and entertainment brand for the company Famos, according to People magazine.

"Since meeting Britney, his priorities have shifted and he would much rather be home at night with her and her boys," a source says.

"With his new job, it sounds like he will be able to work from the road, and that's ideal when your girlfriend is about to start a world-wide tour."

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husband just got deported from Japan. I am so. sad. I brought him all this way to show him my favorite place





Plannina escape from Japanese custody. It's bloody hard to

dig a tunnel with a chopstick

for once waking because of jet lag is

areat be cause i just found out we won 6 AWARDS 2nite!! I THOUGHT IT WAS 3!!! CRAZY!!



I'm not a competitive eater unless someone orders French fries

"for the table."

Big money for Beatrice's hat

mous tan, octopus-like hat worn at Prince William's wedding last month has been sold on EBay for more than

\$130,000, according to E! Online.

Proceeds from the auction will benefit UNICEF U.K. and Children in Crisis through Princess

Beatrice's Princess Beatrice Little Bee Initiative cam-

paign.
"I've been amazed by the amount of attention the hat has attracted," Beatrice wrote on the hat's auction page.

"I hope whoever wins the auction has as much fun with the hat as I have.'

Royal parties galore

With Prince William and Princess Catherine set to visit Los Angeles for all of 24 hours in July, how they spend that time is becoming quite an issue, according to the Daily Mail.

Several Hollywood luminaries are angling to throw parties for the royal newlyweds, including Elton John and husband David Furnish and Forrest Gump producer Steve Tisch.

And Victoria Beckham

has reportedly scheduled her C-section with the royal visit in mind. William, meanwhile, has turned to the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, of which he is the president, for advice.

"We are suggesting several ideas, including a tea party, a cricket match and also a more formal gala evening to promote the British film industry," a BAFTA insider tells the newspaper. • metro



Kutcher experiment to last for only one year?

While executives at Two and a Half Men are happy to have Ashton Kutcher stepping into Charlie Sheen's shoes, they apparently don't expect to keep him long.

According to the Wall Street Journal, Kutcher's contract for the hit sitcom only covers one year, while the show itself was renewed for two more seasons

Kutcher will be earning an esti\$750,000 an episode, according to the newspaper. METRO

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THE WHOLE FAMILY!" - Richard Crouse, CTV STORES TODAY!





Aspirin makeover



Bayer is looking for a speedy remedy for stagnant aspirin sales.

The company, whose name is synonymous with the pain reliever, introduced a reformulated aspirin yesterday that works in half the time of its regular aspirin.

Bayer says its aspirin is now betterknown for preventing heart attack and stroke than for its pain reliever roots. Bayer AG says it needed to revitalize the brand and target younger customers. Expanding the demographic of users is key to budg ing Bayer's 14.6 per cent market share.

Most of its customers are around age 60; it's now targeting 40somethings.



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Vegans now in vogue

• We used to think of vegans as skinny, pale-faced hippies that would rather eat soil than food with flavour Dut a plant-based diet can be healthy and sexy



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For years, the general line concerning vegans has been: "They look emaciated and live off cardboard. And they're annoying as hell at dinner parties.

The thinking now: "Vegans are slim, sexy and generally healthier than people that include animal produce in their diet. Even if they're still slightly annoving at dinner parties."

Being a vegan involves scrapping all animal produce from your diet — no meat, no eggs, no dairy and no honey.

For a long time, the word "vegan" used to send a chill down people's spine as they associated it with deprivation, tasteless meals. malnourishment

Cheating tip

Creamy cashew: Take a handful of cashews and soak them in one inch of water overnight. The next day, blend them and what you get is a thick rich cream that can be used as a base for souns and sauces.

and poor health.

Over the past two decades the global praise of protein-heavy diets such as Atkins and Dukan has left people with little faith in the vegan way of life as most assume that by surviving off seeds, fruits, legumes, vegetables and soy, vegans lack in essential nutrients necessary for

maintaining good health. Lie, say vegan chefs. It's

actually much better for your health.

Kathy Freston, author of the book Veganist, says she can prove it. A vegan for seven years, Freston made the transition from a typical southern girl raised on fried chicken to a dairyloving vegetarian to, final-

"Within weeks of going vegan, my energy levels soared and my skin cleared."

KATHY FRESTON, VEGANIST

ly, veganist. "Within weeks of going vegan my energy levels soared and my

A chocolate cake without eggs? We'll take it.

cleared," she says.

Being on a vegan diet dramatically lowers cholesterol levels (the sole source of this being animal produce) and blood sugar levels, and increases natural metabolic rate.

Although humans are omnivores, our bodies thrive on a plant-based diet that over time promotes lower rates of heart disease and obesity.

"A plant-based diet has a high thermal effect as calories are burnt as heat, for up to three hours after your meal calories are burnt at a rate 16 per cent higher than a regular diet," says Freston



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Cheese-free mac 'n' cheese

Vegan chef Chloe Coscarelli shares her recipe for cheeseless mac 'n' cheese. It gets its vellow colour from nutritional yeast and is loaded with B vitamins. For more, see chefchloe.com.

Preparation:

Cook pasta.

In a saucepan whisk the margarine and flour over medium heat for 3-5 minutes. Add milk, yeast, tomato paste and garlic powder and bring to boil, whisking frequently. Reduce heat to low and let

Ingredients:

- 1 pound pasta
- 1/4 cup soy-free margarine
- 1/3 cup flour
- 3 cups non-dairy milk
- 1 cup nutritional yeast
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste • 2 teaspoons sea salt
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 cup broccoli florets (steamed)

simmer until it thickens. Adjust seasoning to taste and stir in lemon juice. Toss noodles with the sauce and broccoli.



Try it out

going vegan is a challenge that requires effort and willpower. "We have an emotional bond with food so it's about changing (or sacrificing) life-long habits. Go at your own momentum. For example, if you love your coffee with cream,



switch to a sovbased creamer, almond or rice milk.'



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Combine fruits & veggies for fresh take on stir-fry



Stir-fries are a fast dinner for people on the go and this one is no exception.

All of the Asian ingredients are available at most supermarkets.

Preparation:

- In a small bowl, stir all of the sauce ingredients together, adding your desired amount of hot Chinese chili garlic sauce, until mixed and cornstarch has dissolved.
- Thinly slice the chicken into bite-size strips.
 Snap tough ends from the asparagus, then slice it diagonally into pieces about 5 cm (2 inches) long. Slice the red pepper into large bite-size squares, cut plums into

wedges and thinly slice green onions.

- Heat oil in a very large frying pan or wok over high heat. Add the chicken and stir-fry until golden-tinged. Add ginger and garlic and stir-fry for 1 minute. Add asparagus and bell pepper and continue to stir-fry for a couple of minutes until just tender, adjusting heat as necessary.
- Add sauce to stir-fry. Stir continuously until bubbly and thickened, about 1 minute. Then add fruit and green onions. Stir just until hot, about 2 more minutes.

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Sauce

- 75 ml (1/3 cup) water
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) oyster sauce
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) soy sauce
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) dark sesame oil
- 5 to 10 ml (1 to 2 tsp) hot Chinese chili garlic sauce
- 10 ml (2 tsp) cornstarch

Stir-Fry

- 2 skinless boneless chicken breasts
- 250 g (1/2 lb) asparagus
- 1 sweet red or yellow bell pepper
- 2 plums or peaches
- 2 green onions
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) vegetable oil
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) finely minced ginger
- minced ginger2 garlic cloves, minced

The WORKS works if you want variety & flavour

This burger bistro's menu features about 60 combinations of ingredients

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For burgers with seemingly unlimited options, The Works is a fantastic

choice. It may be loud and hectic, but it creates a fun

The WORKS Gourmet Burger Bistro

145 King St. 519-601-5464 worksburger.com Reservations: No Social lunch: Yes Price rang: \$11 - \$13.69 Rating: 5 out of 5 atmosphere for a leisurely social lunch.

The menu is comprehensive but complicated; the waitress has to explain it. I count more than 60 combinations of ingredients and choosing seems daunting.

I eventually find "Malibu Meltdown" (\$13.84) featuring an onion ring and four cheeses while my friend orders the "Smokin" Joe" (\$13.69). His toppings of chipotle ketchup, caramelized onions, Havarti and double-smoked bacon make me envious.

For a side, I try the homemade chips.

We are warned that our meals may take more than 20 minutes. I think of ordering the Tower-O-Rings



(\$9.41) but my food arrives and there is no way I could have eaten it all

My burger is übercheesey with a huge juicy beef patty. The bun could be toasted longer and the onion ring is lost among all the gooeyness but I savour every bite.

You may have to wait but greatness takes time.

The Works fits the bill if you want lots of variety and lots of delicious hearty flavours.



Make this version of the smoothie for your children's breakfast or afterschool snack. Frozen blueberries are available in your grocery store's freezer for this fast antioxidant-laden treat.

Preparation:

In a blender, combine milk, blueberries, yogurt and honey; puree until smooth.

Pour into glasses; serve immediately.
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Inaredients:

- 500 ml (2 cups) milk
- 500 ml (2 cups) frozen blueberries
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) vanillaflavoured yogurt
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) honey

CONQUERING **A MOUNTAIN** AND A HEART

Names: Ken, 30, and Liz, 30

Hometown: Toronto

Together since: 2007

Tḥeir story:

I (Ken) always tell people that my wife, Liz, married me solely because I climbed Mount Fuji, an accusation she denies.

We met in 2007 when we were both teaching ESL at different schools in Busan, South Korea.

Our mutual friend Blake (Cupid disguised as a coworker) shot me with his love arrow and nudged me in Liz's direction. Over the course of a group trip to Japan, we discovered we shared an identical sense of humour, a love/hate



relationship with sushi (I love it; she hates it) and a hunger for travel, which would later take us around Asia and a big chunk of Europe together.

Before I set off to climb or conquer, as I like to say — Mount Fuji, Liz and I locked eyes in the Kyoto train station.

I couldn't tell whether her eyes were saying, "Come back because I like you," or "Wow, you're so brave!" I like to think it was

A mere 48 hours later, I returned, tired and wet, but triumphant!

We began dating soon

after and married in Seoul, South Korea, in 2009 before moving to Toronto, where we still live today.

Liz often interrupts my Mount Fuji tale by informing listeners that 200,000plus people (young and old) climb the volcano every year, so I always end my story by reminding them that out of all those hundreds of thousands courageous souls, she married me - making me both brave and lucky.

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RAVEL FOR TREATS

Dear Claire and Andrea, I travel a lot for work and have met great guys in some of the cities I've been to. Lately I've been dating two guys — each in a different city — but I can't seem to find anyone in my own town. What am I doing wrong? Am I destined to have to travel for my treats?

Claire: Dear Travel for Treats,

One of the great side effects of travel is the ability to shed the minutiae of our lives. There are no plumbers to call, no dry cleaning to pick up, no cat litter to scoop. We become a less stressed version of ourselves, less likely to walk down the street ignoring the world, in a cloud of to-do lists.

Result? We're more open to the people we encounter.

And once we do meet someone interesting, the mental checklist we usualsubject a potential fling/mate/partner to is that much shorter.

At home, we're either

TWO SISTERS



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too distracted to notice those who notice us, or once we meet them, we question whether they should be allowed into our world, and if so, in what capacity.

Spontaneity changed for mind games, openness for caution. It's enough to make Up in the Air look like a fairytale.

Andrea: Dear Travel for

I envy your position because you don't have to deal with those really boring days, the fat days, the PMS days ... You only get the good stuff because

time is short, and your partners try to make it count.

The downside is that it's probably warped your relationship standards, which makes it really hard for potential lovers in your hometown to please you after a while.

Being in a long term re-lationship myself, I can say that you're missing out on some seriously hot stuff: sweet wake-up calls caressed with morning breath, romantic rendezvous in the frozen dinner aisle, elegant repartees over broken washing machines ... but also, a guaranteed hug when you're in a bad mood, having fun doing the mundane tasks. and you know you're going home with a hottie after that party.

Even if you don't get five-star treatment all day every day, the little things really do add up.

TWO SISTERS, 20-SOMETHING AN-DREA AND 30-SOMETHING CLAIRE, OFFER THEIR DIFFERING VIEWS ON YOUR RELATIONSHIP ISSUES.

A bleepin' good read

Playing dress up or running around the park, kids can be so darn cute. Until it's 3 a.m. and they won't go the (bleep) to sleep.

The F-bomb plea on the minds of every parent at one point or another is the title of a buzz magnet of a book parody written in kidfriendly rhyme. Beware, parents, it's decidedly unworthy of a bedtime read-

Not yet out, the 32-pager from a tiny Brooklyn publisher has hit No. 1 on Amazon.com and has sold more than 100,000 copies in preorders since it surfaced less than a month ago.

After bootleg copies

leaked, Akashic Books moved up publication from October to June 14, for Father's Day.

Film rights have already been sold, though adaptation should be intriguing. A British publisher, Canongate, is putting out the book simultaneously with U.S. release, including the



former commonwealth countries of Australia, India and South Africa. Publishers in China are interested.

How does the F-bomb translate, anyway?

All this for amounts to a lament put to picture book illustrations (by Ricardo Cortes) at a suggested retail price of \$14.95.

Here's a sample: "All the kids in day care are in dreamland. The froggie has made its last leap. Hell no, you can't go to the bathroom. You know where you can go? The (bleep) to

Only the book uses the real word in full. A lot. On just about every page, in fact, with other bad words thrown in for good meas-

The spoof was written by novelist and poet Adam Mansbach, whose threeyear-old, Vivien, used to be a night owl but has turned the corner on the sleep thing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





POPPING THE QUESTION?

FUN AND FRUGAL

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Engagement rings can be pricey, but they are also an important symbol of

commitment in a relationship. Take your time selecting a ring that reflects your values and your budget.

Keep in mind that during lean times, many couples don't even buy an engagement ring, just their wedding band.

Determine your budget before you shop. Avoid massive amounts of debt for a ring and save up! Some diamond experts have recommended that you spend between two and three months' salary on a ring. But, that's not the law. Do what's right for you.

Research the types of rings available and the costs associated with your combination of choices: metal (gold, platinum, silver, etc.), stone (diamond, sapphire, etc.), and setting. Research how the cut, clarity, colour and carat impacts the price.

Investigate the jeweller and get referrals from trusted friends or family members. For example, do you want a custom-made ring or one that is ready to go? See if the jeweller has an exchange or return policy just in case.

Bring a trusted ally who can help you wade through the thousands of choices. Consider shopping with your partner so you can make the decision together.

Plan ahead for the expense by saving in advance. Avoid store credit as the interest rates are hefty.

Self-employed tax tips

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Keep self-employed headaches to a minimum by being organized and knowing the

tax-filing rules.

The first half of the year is full of deadlines from RRSP contributions to taxes. And here's another one: the deadline for the self-employed to file a tax return is June 15.

This confuses many new self-employed individuals because you still must pay tax owing by the same date as everyone else — this year it was May 2nd. But you have an additional six weeks to get your return into the Canada Revenue

If you are thinking about

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striking out on your own or you are a self-employed newbie, here are five common questions fielded by H&R Block about business taxes.

- 1. Do I need a business number? You don't need a number or even to be registered as a business. But you do need to fill out a T2125 Form, which details your business income and expenses as part of your personal return. Don't make the common mistake of listing self-employed income on line 104 (other income).
- **2.** What about CPP premiums? If you earned more than \$3,500 you will have to pay.
- 3. Do I need to register for HST/GST? Those earning more than \$30,000 must register for a GST/HST number. But it is a good idea anyway because you can



claim input tax credits for the GST/HST you pay.

cent over the past 15

4. What happens if I declare a loss? Losses can be carried forward to future years to reduce the tax load when

Recession effect

During the 2008-2009 recession the number of self-employed in Canada jumped by 100,000 while the number of paid employees sank by 480,000.

your income is higher.

5. Do I need receipts? Oh you betcha! Keep everything related to your expenses in separate files for each category.

Don't forget that the expenses must be incurred in order to earn an income. If you are using your car for business, maintain a mileage log.

mileage log.

This can be a bit of a pain but after one base year of log keeping you can move to the new simplified method, which uses the base year percentages.

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"It is the Eastern Conference finals and it's coming down to will and determination. I want people to know I want it."

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CHRIS BOSH, WHO HAD 30
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Road to the Cup a little steeper for Salo

• 'It's like climbing Mount Everest,' Canuck says of Achilles injury rehab

There's been a lot of painful bumps and twists on the road Sami Salo has travelled.

When the season started, the Vancouver Canuck defenceman wasn't sure if he would ever play hockey again after rupturing his Achilles tendon last summer. Now Salo finds himself just one win away from playing in the Stanley Cup final for the first time in his 12-year NHL career.

"It's been a long journey, not just in a career way," Salo said yesterday after the Canucks practised at Rogers Arena. "I'm just excited to be part of this great group.

"All the blood and sweat you poured during the season has really paid off. It is a really good feeling."

The Canucks take a 3-1 series lead over the San Jose Sharks into Game 5 of the Western Conference final tonight (CBC, 9 p.m.). A win sends Vancouver to the Cup final for the first time in 17 years.

Salo's booming slapshot was a big part of the Canucks' 4-2 win over the Sharks on Sunday. He scored twice on the power play and added an assist. Vancouver scored three power-play goals in a 1:55 span in the second period, all on five-on-three situations.

They have pushed the Sharks to the brink, but Sa-

Painful past

Injuries have cost Sami Salo over 250 games during his career, but the most devastating came last summer when playing floor ball in his native Finland.

- Friends told Salo it sounded like a shotgun blast when his Achilles ruptured. All he knew is he was face-first on the floor.
- "It didn't hurt at all," he said. "It was just a weird feeling."
- It was a long, slow recovery for the 36-year-old. He missed training camp and the first 52 games of the season.

lo knows the final shove may be the hardest.

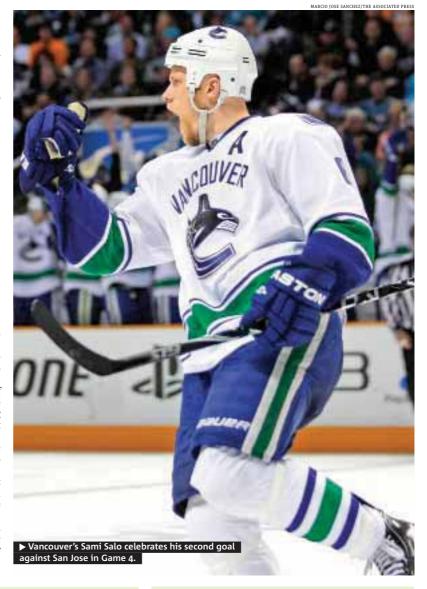
"You have to have the killer instinct to try and finish those guys off," he said.

"We have seen that if you're not going out there to win, if you are just sitting back, usually things are not going your way."

Logan Couture said the Sharks are focused on forcing a Game 6 Thursday.

"We're obviously not where we want to be. We'd rather be up 3-1," Couture said yesterday in San Jose. "The reality of the situation now is we're down. We're excited to go to Vancouver and try and win a game."

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Djokovic continues to roll at Roland Garros

Novak Djokovic extended his perfect season into the French Open, beating Thiemo de Bakker 6-2, 6-1, 6-3 yesterday in the first round in Paris.

The second-seeded Serb improved his 2011 record to 38-0 — and stretched his

winning streak to 40 — on the second day of the tournament at Roland Garros. And he barely broke a sweat doing it, breaking his Dutch opponent six times.

Roger Federer joined Djokovic in the second round by beating Feliciano Lopez of Spain. On the women's side, top-ranked Caroline Wozniacki eliminated Kimiko Date-Krumm 6-0, 6-2 and defending champion Francesca Schiavone beat Melanie Oudin of the United States 6-2, 6-0. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

Noah hit with fine for slur

NBA. Chicago Bulls centre Joakim Noah was fined \$50,000 US yesterday for directing an antigay slur at a fan during Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals Sunday. Noah apologized

and vowed to learn from the incident.

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Thornton a go for Game 5

NHL. San Jose coach Todd McLellan says captain Joe Thornton will play Game 5 of the Western Conference final for the Sharks despite leaving the previous game with an injury. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Canadian making history

Tagliani knows he needs to keep nerves in check at Indy 500

Alex Tagliani has already made history at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Now that he's in the spotlight as the polesitter for the 100th edition of the Indianapolis 500, he's hoping to make the most of it.

Tagliani became the first Canadian to earn the pole position at the event with a stellar performance in qualifying over the weekend. He knows it will be tough to keep the nerves in check Sunday when he leads the centennial celebration field into the first turn at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

"The warmup laps are probably going to be the most difficult ones to handle," Tagliani said yesterday. "Just because your heart is pumping and you have time to think because you're driving it slow. You realize the crowd in the stands is just unbelievable."

Tagliani looked relaxed and well-rested during media availability yesterday at a downtown Toronto restaurant. He was still riding high after a whirlwind weekend that was a long time coming.

"My heart was bursting out of my chest because of all that history and background that you're carrying with you for so many years," Tagliani said. "Finally something good happened."

His qualifying performance was a rare peak in what has been a rather uneven career. Tagliani posted some decent results after breaking in on the old CART series in 2000 but didn't earn his first victory until 2004 at Road America.

He stuck it out in Champ Car despite only a handful of podium appearances. Tagliani made his IndyCar Series debut in 2008 and was 13th in the overall standings last year.

Now brimming with confidence after his surprise qualifying run, he's hoping to take things to the next level this weekend.

"People are realizing who I am," Tagliani said. "Here we are now. So maybe it took a long time but when you get a result like this, it's all worth it."

It hasn't been an easy road for the 37-year-old driver from Lachenaie, Que. Tagliani has been on several different teams doing everything possible to get money, sponsors and equipment together.

Tagliani said even in the tough times, his passion for racing never changed.

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INTERVIEW

Mets owner disses players

Jose Reyes isn't worth all the money he wants. Carlos Beltran is no longer a top-tier player. David Wright isn't a superstar.

Those aren't merely the opinions of some disgruntled New York Mets fan. Those thoughts come straight from the owner of the team.

Fred Wilpon had sharp words for the all-stars and his teetering team in a newly released profile in The New Yorker. He made the comments during the Mets' 4-3 loss to Houston on April 20.

"Lousy clubs, that's what happens," Wilpon remarked after the Mets missed an early chance to score, then gave up some runs. "We're snake-bitten, baby."

Reyes can become a free agent at the end of the season. There's been speculation the shortstop wants a contract similar to the \$142-million US, seven-year deal that Carl Crawford signed in the off-season.

"He's a racehorse," Wilpon said of the ofteninjured speedster.

"He thinks he's going to get Carl Crawford money," he said. "He's had everything wrong with him. He won't get it."

Beltran is finishing up a \$119-million, seven-year contract the outfielder signed with the Mets after his monster 2004 post-season for Houston, when he hit eight homers and scored 21 runs in 12 playoff games.

"We had some schmuck in New York who paid him based on that one series," Wilpon said, referring to himself. "He's 65 to 70 per cent of what he was." As for Wright, Wilpon

As for Wright, Wilpon said the third baseman is "a really good kid. A very good player."

"Not a superstar," Wilpon said.

In a statement released by his agent, Wright said: "Fred is a good man and is obviously going through some difficult times. There is nothing more productive that I can say at this time."

The Mets are 22-24 and were off yesterday.

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Utley returns to Phillies, bats second

Chase Utley stepped into the carpeted batter's box to take a few swings and the television cameras shined brightly.

This was no ordinary round of batting practice.

Utley was back in the lineup and hitting second for the Philadelphia Phillies after the five-time all-star second baseman missed the first 46 games with a knee injury.

"You guys obviously know I enjoy playing and it's both disappointing and frustrating being on the sidelines and not being able to help," Utley said before last night's game against Cincinnati.

His return couldn't come soon enough for the four-time defending NL East champions. The first-place Phillies are struggling offensively and certainly can use a boost from Utley. Though he's coming off a down season — .275 average with 16 homers and 65 RBIs in 115 games last year — Utley is one of the top hitters in Philadelphia's lineup.

"It's pretty frustrating not to be able to go out and help your team win," Utley said. "But I'm proud of my teammates. They've done an outstanding job these first two months. The pitching staff has been outstanding. I know there's been a lot of negative talk recently on how our offence has been struggling, but that's why we play for six months. It's an up and down game. As long as you stay positive with the other guys, you'll get through that.

Utley spent a few weeks rehabbing his knee in Florida and feels comfortable with the progress in his recovery. He doesn't expect to have surgery after the season, but he might be more willing to take a day off occasionally. Manager Charlie Manuel may not give him a choice.

"Charlie and I will talk on a daily basis and see where we're at every single day, but I definitely want to be out there," Utley said. "I think I know my body better than anybody else."

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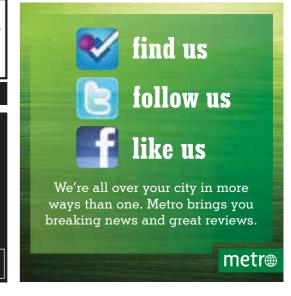
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II Gemini May 22-June 21 Follow your instincts and don't be

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